

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office action mailed September 21, 2005. Reexamination and reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 13, and 21 being the independent claims. No claims have been amended, and no new matter is believed to have been added.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6, 8-18, and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann.

Claims 1, 13, and 21 include a personal home location register (HLR) located with a user. Specifically, claim 1 includes the limitation "a personal home location register (HLR) located in a processor of a use, but not located with a telecommunication service provider." Claim 13 includes the limitation "processor means including the home location register, said processor means operating independent of the telecommunications service provider and located with a particular subscriber." Claim 21 includes the limitation "a personal home register (HLR) located within a processor means of a particular user."

Sonti teaches a method for allowing subscribers of a telecommunications network to easily change between features where a user dials a special code to change a profile containing a different set of features for different users of the mobile station or for different times of the day or geographic areas, while Gentry teaches a method and system for provisioning a wireless component over an internet protocol network where a request to modify information in a location register is received from an input device coupled to an internet protocol network. The request is converted into an HLR access message that is sent to the location register and information is modified in the location register in response to the HLR access message. Sonti and Gentry do not teach or suggest a personal home location register (HLR) located with a user.

Lahtinen teaches implementing the acquisition of data relating to network-specific supplementary services and updating subscriber data relating to network-specific supplementary services in a telecommunications system (Abstract). A mobile switching centre MSC 16 is responsible for switching incoming and outgoing calls. It performs similar functions as an exchange in a public switched telephone network (PSTN). Additionally, it performs functions only characteristic to mobile communication, such as subscriber locations management, in cooperation with the subscriber registers of the network. The subscriber registers of the system include a home location register HLR 14 and a visitor location register VLR 15. (column 5, lines 6-14) As shown in Figure 1, the HLR is located proximate the gateway switching centre GMSC 13.

Further, a mobile station 11 is associated with a subscriber identity module, a SIM card 12. The SIM card 12 is a unit which stores all information elements a mobile station contains relating to a particular mobile subscriber. Lahtinen thus teaches storing information particular to a user on a mobile station. Specifically, Lahtinen does not teach or suggest a personal home location register (HLR) located with a user.

Hamann teaches a procedure for storing data objects in the memory of a smart card (Abstract). No mention is made of an HLR or the storage thereof. Specifically, Hamann does not teach or suggest a personal home location register (HLR) located with a user.

Therefore, claims 1, 13, and 21 are patentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann because claims 1, 13, and 21 include limitations that are not taught or suggested by Sonti, Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann.

Claims 2-4, 6, 8-12, 14-18, 20, 22, and 23 are dependent on either claim 1, claim 13, or claim 21 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1, 13, and 21 stated above.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-4, 6, 8-18, and 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann.

The Examiner rejected claims 5 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann and further in view of Daniels.

Claims 5 and 19 are dependent on either claim 1 or claim 13 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 and 13 stated above.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 5 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann and further in view of Daniels.

The Examiner rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann and further in view of Sistanizadeh.

Claim 7 is dependent on claim 1 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1 stated above.

Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sonti and further in view of Gentry, Lahtinen, and Hamann and further in view of Sistanizadeh.

#### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant has noted, with appreciation that the Examiner indicated that claim 24 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Hence, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the above-noted final Office action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If for some reason Applicant has not paid a sufficient fee for this response, please consider this as authorization to charge Ingrassia, Fisher & Lorenz, Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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